

## THE BAD BOY.

He Soap the Front Steps for the Letter Carrier With Dire Results.

"You see, pa likes a joke the best of any man you ever saw, if it is on somebody else, but he kicks like a steer when it is on him. I asked him this morning if it wouldn't be a good joke to put some soft soap on the front step, so the letter carrier would slip and spill himself, and pa said it would be elegant. Pa is a democrat, and he thinks that anything that will make it unpleasant for republican office-holders is legitimate, and he encouraged me to paralyze the letter carrier. The letter carrier is as old a man as pa, and I didn't want to humiliate him, but I just wanted to give him a lesson, and he couldn't kick if he consented to his own trap. You see? Well, this morning the minister and two of the deacons called on pa, to have a talk with him about his actions in church on two or three occasions, when he pulled out the pack of cards with his handkerchief, and played the music box, and they had a pretty hot time in the back parlor, and finally they settled it, and were going to sing a hymn, when pa handed them a little hymn-book, and the minister opened it and turned pale and said, 'what's this?' and they looked at it, and it was a book of Hoyle's, instead of a hymn-book. Gosh, wasn't the minister mad? He started to read a hymn and he quit after he read two lines where it said, 'In a game of four-handed euchre never trump your partner's ace, but rely on the ace to take the trick on suit.' Pa was trying to explain how the book came to be there, when the minister and the deacons started out, and then I poured the two-quart tin full of soap on the front step. It was this white soap, just the color of the step, and when I got it spread I went down in the basement.

The visitors came out and pa was trying to explain to them about Hoyle, when one of the deacons stepped in the soap, and his feet flew up and he struck on his pants and slid down the steps. The minister said, 'great heavens, deacon, are you hurt?' Let me assist you, and he took two quick steps, and you have seen these fellows in a nigger show that kick each other head over heels and fall on their ears, and stand on their heads and turn around like a top. The minister's feet slipped and the next I saw he was standing on his head in his hat, and his legs were sort of wilted and fell limp by his side, and he fell over on his stomach. You talk about spreading the gospel in heathen lands. It is nothing to the way you can spread it with two quarts of soft soap. The minister didn't look pious a bit, when he was trying to catch the railing. He looked as though he wanted to murder every man on earth, but it may be he was tired. Well, pa was paralyzed, and he and the other deacon rushed out to pick up the minister and the first old man, and when they struck the step they went kiting. Pa's feet somehow slipped backwards, and he turned a summersault and struck full length on his back, and one heel was across the minister's neck, and he slid down the steps, and the other deacon fell over the other three, and pa swore at them, and it was the worst looking lot of pious people I ever saw. I think if the minister had been in the woods somewhere, where nobody could have heard him, he would have used language. They all seemed mad at each other. The first girl told ma there was three tramps out on the sidewalk fighting pa, and ma took the broom and started to help pa, and I tried to stop ma, 'cause her constitution is not very strong, and I didn't want her to do any flying trapeze business, but I couldn't stop her, and she went out with the broom and a towel tied around her head. Well, I don't know where ma did strike, but when she came in she said she had palpitation of the heart, but that was not the place where she put the arnica. O, but she did go through the air like a bullet through cheese, and when she went down the steps a bump-bump, I felt sorry for ma. The minister had got so he could walk on the sidewalk, with his neck against the lower step, when ma came sliding down and one of the heels of her gaiters hit the minister in the hair, and the other foot went right through between his arm and his side, and the broom like to pushed his teeth down his throat. But he was not mad at ma. As soon as he saw it was ma he said, 'Why, sister, the wicked stand in slippery places, don't they?' and ma she was mad and said for him to let her go, and then pa was mad, and he said, 'look-a-here, you sky-pilot, this thing has gone far enough,' and then a policeman came along and first he thought they were all drunk, but he found they were respectable, and he said, 'climb and scraped the soap off of them, and just then the letter-carrier came along, but he didn't have any letters for us, and he didn't come on the steps, and then I went up-stairs and I said, 'Pa don't you think it is a real mean, after you and I fixed the soap on the steps for the letter-carrier, and he didn't come on the step at all?' and pa was scraping the soap off his pants with a piece of shingle, and the first girl was putting liniment on ma, and pa said, 'You dam idiot, no more of this, or I'll maul the liver out of you,' and I asked him if he didn't think soft soap would help a mouschick to grow, and he picked up ma's workbasket and threw it at my head, and I came down stairs, and I came over here. Don't you think my pa is unreasonable to get mad at a little joke he planned himself?"

## Political Invalids.

[Philadelphia Times.]

It appears that the Bowens, the Talors and the Fairs are not to be given a chance to come to the senate from Dakota for another year or two at least. It will be necessary for the political invalids to find hospital accommodations elsewhere.

## Competitive Gluttony.

[New York Morning Journal.]

Qual-eating has aroused the American stomachs to all sorts of experiments. In St. Louis especially the gastronomical contest has widened and deepened. All sorts of people are eating all sorts of other people that they can eat all sorts of things for any

number of days. One man offered to bet \$500 that he can eat boarding-house pie for a fortnight and live. Another has consented to subsist on hash for a month for a hundred dollars. That these dreadful feats have been suggested and are being worked by the undertakers of St. Louis is more than suspected. There are plenty of men in New York who are anxious to eat anything steadily for a month without a waiver—if anybody else will pay the bill.

## PALACE BUILDING.

The Glass Houses Erected by Our Statesmen.

[Washington Correspondence.]

Politicians who build houses at Washington, after going to congress originally, are very apt to come to grief in the end. Mr. Windom is an illustration in point. His ambition to display wealth, acquired without any ostensible business and while serving as a member of the senate or of the house of representatives, contributed largely towards his recent defeat. Plain people who knew all about his career and his affairs at home, could not understand where the money came from that enabled him to live in pomp, and they were not satisfied with his lame explanations.

Mr. Blaine has outstripped all his rivals in palace building. He boasts of having the grandest mansion at the capital, overtopping that of Mr. Corcoran, a millionaire of years standing, and almost alone in its glory, in the new west end created by the Washington ring. The ex-secretary is said to have become suddenly rich. He is known to have many friends in the fire, and they must all be kept hot for immediate use.

The paper on which these schemes and ventures may be written or printed has doubtless very large figures on it. But suppose a bad turn in the market and no demand for this sort of paper, what then? The palace might turn out to be an elephant on Mr. Blaine's hands, like that of his rival, Mr. Windom, over whose rejection he has been rejoicing.

Mr. Sherman has been the most thrifty and adroit of this class of patriots. He was in no haste to parade the wealth accumulated on salaries of \$3,000 and \$5,000 a year as a member of congress. He waited patiently and cunningly for the time when the sources of his large fortune might be possibly forgotten. But he had no sooner splurged than the story of these ill-gotten gains was told.

Secor Robeson built a palace among those of the congressional nabobs, and he, too, has been spurned by an honest constituency. There was no secret about the way in which he acquired riches. The attempt to increase his store, by the defiance of public opinion, carried him down, and the party he flattered in the house justly shared in his deserved disgrace.

Mr. Pendleton's Queer Anne structure stands in the midst of these gay surroundings with a snobbish tone outside and inside. He is said to have four residences, at Cincinnati, Washington, Newport and Conway. He affects much style, and is lavish in expenditure.

An old scandal was revived in a recent suit, brought by the widow of one of his sister's children, to recover a quarter of a million of dollars alleged to have been withheld from her in the settlement of the estate, of which Mr. Pendleton and his brother were executors. After making a formal answer, Mr. Pendleton compromised the suit, by paying \$200,000, and in this way avoided the production of the accounts in court.

Palace building at Washington is evidently not a profitable political industry.

## Mutton Sandwiches From Ohio.

I had intended to give my readers a description of an Ohio sheep ranch this week, but have concluded to delay the subject until another time. A week or two ago a flockmaster in Texas asked me what to do with his lambs. I have forgotten his name, but my copy of the WOOL GROWER has been carried off. In fact, I have not been able to keep it for some time. Having my office with Capt. Blane, Secretary of the Ohio Spanish Merino Sheep Breeders' Association, the visiting breeders see the WOOL GROWER and ask me for it, and, of course, I give it to them, hoping they will subscribe for it.

Several prominent breeders were shown the article in question, and all agreed that the principal cause of the trouble was feeding the ewes cotton seed, meal and millet. I would further suggest that a mixture consisting of salt 1 bushel, ashes 4 pounds, and bi-carbonate of soda 4 pounds, be placed where the ewes have free access to it. This will neutralize the acid condition of the stomach, caused by the over rich food they have been given, and through the milk benefit the lamb.

Corn and cottonseed meal, and kindred foods, are fat-producing, while oats and bran are rich in muscle (lean meat), and bone-producing constituents, tending to make the animals to which it is fed strong and vigorous. I am truly sorry for any man who is cursed with an inefficient shepherd, for one such man can do more damage in a year than he would earn in five years. I often wish that Texas flockmasters could secure the services of some of the young men in this state, to take care of their flocks. I have no doubt that many of these young men could be secured, if they were sure of being well treated and decently paid.

I am very sorry that the secretaries of the Vermont Association and the American Merino Register have got so hot over their controversy, but the sympathy of all breeders who value the reputation of their flocks, are with Mr. Chapman. When anyone calls something that can only reflect credit to himself, I have had ample opportunity to become thoroughly acquainted with his method of doing business, and I have never known him to make a statement he could not prove. But he don't need me to defend him, as he is amply able to do so for himself.

While I am on the subject though I will say that a party of 350 ewes have lately been shipped into Texas from Vermont that your flockmasters would do well to steer clear of. They were bought in Vermont for from \$3 to \$8 per head. One lot which was well graded up cost the speculators \$10, but this was an exception. These ewes

were painted in the best style, and will be likely offered as purebred sheep. Such contemptible trickery should be exposed on every occasion.

I got up to the boiling point every time I think of it and feel very much like indulging in personalities myself. It is a perfectly legitimate transaction to ship and sell sheep of any grade, but it is a rascally trick to misrepresent their blood to enhance their value.

The late blizzard will I hope show those who provided no shelter for their sheep the necessity of doing so. When the wool of sheep exposed to the late storm goes into market the manufacturer will find a weak spot that marks a period of suffering as plain as print, and that depreciates the value of the wool.

I have been receiving letters from various points in the southwest enquiring for rams for next season. I am glad to get these letters and will take pleasure in answering all of them, or, if any reader of the Wool Grower will come to me I will go with him to see the various purebred flocks in the state.

The Committee on Pedigree of the Ohio Association were in session last week and recommended 23 flocks for acceptance. This Association is in a very flourishing condition and is rapidly increasing in numbers and influence.

We look to Texas for an outlet for our surplus of fine sheep and are determined if possible to break down the trickery and fraud that has been practiced to the damage of the Texas breeder and the honest shipper from the north.

So far this winter has been a splendid one for our breeders and our breeders look to have some vigorous stock to offer buyers the coming season. I have been thinking of visiting Texas next fall and if I do, I shall come during the State fair where I hope to see a majority of the breeders of the state.

MILLER PURVIS.

## North Texas Female College.

This institution of learning that Texas may well feel proud of. The college building is a new and commodious brick edifice, in a retired situation, though conveniently near the central portion of the city. The president's residence is in the same enclosure, with ample capacity for sixty boarders. In fact, a large number of the young ladies from a distance board in the President's family.

This institution has an unexcelled faculty in their respective branches. Many of them have state-wide reputations as faithful, able and conscientious teachers. It receives its patronage from almost every portion of Texas, and it is only necessary for its advantages to be made known abroad in order for it to receive a liberal patronage from our neighboring states.

AS AN EDUCATIONAL POINT, Sherman is remarkably healthy, and is a city of the most refined society. Instead of sending sons and daughters to Northern and Eastern colleges, Texas, with her genial climate and cheapness of living, ought to educate the youths of her older sister states.

## Tabor's Oratory.

[Denver Tribune.]

The United States senate had a very quiet session yesterday. The discussion of the tariff bill was continued, and the speeches were made by Edmund H. Baxard and Malone. During the day Tabor arose and stated amid breathless silence, that he had set in with the boys on the tariff game, and he proposed to stick until either the pot was gone or the other hands had drawn out; he was determined on a show-down, but to accommodate the public he was willing to lump all the legislation on the docket in a jack-pot and stand pat. The Colorado statesman's remarks were applauded to the echo and he was congratulated by many present.

Captain Smith was in town this week, and tell us that losses of sheep about Pottsville were not heavy. T. S. Vaughan losing the most, 65 head. The sheepmen of Hamilton county take excellent care of their flocks. Felt & Co., out of 2,500 head of last spring's lambs shipped from Michigan in November, have lost only twenty-five. T. S. Foster, of 96 lambs dropped during the cold snap, saved 91, the best one weighing 9 pounds.—Hamilton Times.

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